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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FRENCH DIRECTOR

GENERAL OF INDUSTRY

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1. RESPONSE TO REFTEL HAS BEEN DELAYED BY INDECISION IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH (MOIR), INDUCED IN PART BY D'ORNANO'S CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR OF PARIS IN MARCH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. OUR LATEST INFO FROM ESPER IS THAT HE AND DE L'ESTOILE ARE NOW WORKING ON PLANS FOR THEIR VISIT IN LATE APRIL OR MID-MAY AND ARE NO LONGER COUNTING ON SUBSEQUENT MINISTERIAL VISIT. THEY TENTATIVELY WISH TO DISCUSS BILATERAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY ISSUES WITH STATE, COMMERCE, STR, AND PERHAPS TREASURY, AND TO EXPLORE ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS OF US INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT IN SUCH FIELDS AS MOTOR VEHICLES AND NUCLEAR POWER. MOIR STILL APPEARS TO CHERISH CONCEPTION THAT USG HAS POLICY TO COPE WITH SUCH CHALLENGES AS JAPANESE COMPETITION, THAT IT WILL ORCHESTRATE US INDUSTRY REACTION TO THESE CHALLENGES, AND THAT THERE THUS MAY BE SCOPE FOR CONCERTATION OF USG AND GOF POLICIES IN THESE FIELDS. WASHINGTON
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HOST AGENCY MAY WISH TO ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR DE L'ESTOILE AND ESPER WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION TO PUT PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR RELATINSHIP IN CLEARER PERSPECTIVE. ANY COMMENTS WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY HAVE ON OPTIMUM TIMING FOR THIS LATE SPRING VISIT COULD BE USEFUL AT THIS STAGE.

2. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ESPER MAY ALSO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ROSSI ON BRIEF TRIP TO WASHINGTON CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR END-FEBRUARY. THIS MINISTERIAL VISIT HAS YET TO BE APPROVED BY MFA AND PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE IF AND WHEN CONFIRMED.

3. ROSSI HAS SOMEWHAT MORE DEFINITE PLANS FOR AN EXPORT PROMOTION TOUR OF US MAY 2-7 WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY AS ITINERARY IS FLESHED OUT. UNDER CURRENT PLANNING, HOWEVER, THIS WOULD FOCUS ON NEW YORK, ATLANTA AND HOUSTON AND NOT ENTAIL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETINGS.
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